

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 23, 26-28 and 30-36 have been amended. Claims 1-36 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1-22 are allowed. Claims 26-28, 31-34 and 36 are allowed.

Independent claim 23, amended herein and used as an example, recites a first detector to detect an actual surrounding condition of the transfer roller based on a detected condition of the charge roller. In contrast, Tamaoki discloses detecting temperature of a transfer roller. Tamaoki, Abstract.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

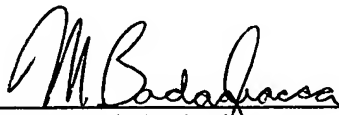
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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